

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2574 - HB 3058

March 25, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends the Comprehensive Growth Plan law by providing for a dispute resolution panel to consist of a minimum of one and a maximum of three members as determined by the Secretary of State. Under current law such panel shall consist of three members unless all the counties and municipalities involved agree to the appointment of one administrative law judge. Provides that mediation sessions are confidential and not subject to the laws governing public meetings. Specifies that if the local legislative bodies do not adopt the non-binding resolution proposed by the panel then the Secretary of State shall appoint a new panel and that such new panel may initiate formal proceedings toward adoption of a growth plan. Under current law, if mediation does not resolve disputes then the panel must propose a non-binding resolution. If the local legislative bodies do not adopt this resolution they may submit a final recommendation. Current law provides for the dispute resolution panel to adopt a growth plan to resolve any impasse. Authorizes use of experts in resolving growth plan disputes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- use of fewer than three administrative law judges to mediate disputes would result in decreased expenditures to local governments.
- increased use of experts would result in increased expenditures to local governments.
- the net impact on local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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